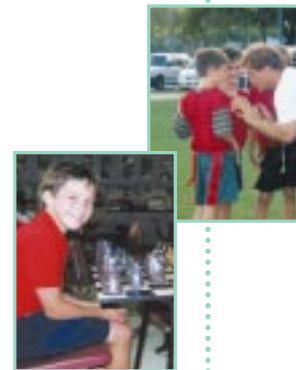




There are more than 200 ways to have fun and stay fit this winter with the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department. Check out the next issue of *"More Out Of Life"* - the official City guide to Parks and Recreation programs, activities and events for all ages featuring detailed programming from December 11 to March 31, 2001. To have a complimentary *"More Out Of Life"* guide sent to your home call the *"More Out Of Life"* Hotline at 766-6686. *"More Out Of Life"* will also be available online at <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us> after December 13.



Focus On Fort Lauderdale



A community newsletter published by the City of Fort Lauderdale

December 2000/January 2001



Taking Community Policing To The Next Level

Additional public safety tools, concentrated training, fine tuned public outreach programs, accountable community partnerships geared to homeless assistance, and a focus on juvenile strategies to curb suspension are the areas the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department will earmark with recently awarded federal, state and local grant funding.

Grants and matching funds totalling more than \$2.7 million will fulfill developmental, operational and enhancement costs for a variety of new and existing programs.

Contributing agencies and organizations include the Florida Department of Community Affairs, the Broward County Commission on Substance Abuse, Community Development Block Grants, the Local Law Enforcement Block

Grant, the Broward County School Board Safe School Fund, Broward County Marine Advisory Board and Law Enforcement Trust Funds, the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Harris Chapel Life Enrichment Center (HCLEC), Mount Olive Baptist Church, and the Broward Partnership for the Homeless.

"The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department is committed to enhancing community policing to not only meet the safety needs of citizens, but to strategically apply it to areas in the community of potential problems," said **Bob Cooke**, City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department Grants Coordinator. "The fact that existing programs were awarded with enhancement grants is a testament to the success these programs have attained in addressing community needs."

Ensuring public safety in the waterways of the Venice of America is a high priority. Enhanced enforcement and increased presence on the waterways funded by past awards known as Enhance Law Enforcement Grants resulted in a significant decrease in waterway accidents, violation rates and waterway related crime rates. Additional enforcement and presence on the waterways, coupled with after-hours presence will be provided by another *Broward County Enhanced Law Enforcement Grant*.

In its 8th year of operation, the *Youth Motivation Program* continues to successfully serve a need for the students from kindergarten through 12th grades. Funding has been awarded for the 9th year to continue its operation and expand its scope of operation. YMP is recognized for its innovative approach

to curb suspension and provide family-based prevention, intervention and treatment programs, which offer a full continuum of services and support to both the student and student's family. Additional funding awarded this year will provide additional teachers, part time aides, licensed counselors, administrative personnel and a social services licensed project coordinator.

Federal funding, combined with local match grants, allow the *Harris Chapel Life Enrichment Center (HCLEC) Program* to offer the program for a fourth year. The program features services for the target population, which include youth activities, counseling, positive role modeling, life skills development, educational development, drop out prevention and substance abuse resistance.

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Palm Bug Attack Threatens Royal Palms

Last Spring, South Florida's Cuban Royal Palms were heavily infested with Royal Palm Bugs and many still look unhealthy due to the insect attack.

The City of Fort Lauderdale encourages property owners to take preventive action against the Royal Palm Bug. Proper fertilization and a little extra care can increase the health and life-span of our royal palms. For more information, contact **Gene Dempsey**, the City's Urban Forester, at 761-5785, or GeneD@ci.ftlaud.fl.us or visit the City's website at <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/life/index.htm>

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A Commitment To Build Partnerships, Customer Service

The City of Fort Lauderdale strives to serve citizens with quality customer service. In terms of putting that strategy to optimum use, City operations look beyond meeting consumer needs by looking outside the box and working to promote community partnerships that will serve citizen needs.

Here are a few things to consider:

* Professional Days, a customer service program implemented at the One Stop Shop on October 1 by the Construction Services Bureau for a 60-day trial period has been extended indefinitely. This service, providing one-on-one meetings between customers and city staff to resolve issues and answer questions about outstanding permits, plan reviews, final DRC sign offs, or simply just plans in the process, has been well received by property owners. Professional Days are held on the first and third Monday of each month. Customers can schedule appointments with staff to obtain information pertaining to specific permits and plans. For more information, call **761-5191**.

* Part of providing quality recreational needs requires facilitating quality recreational facilities

that can accommodate events and activities to a community that has a wide range of interests. Lockhart Stadium has provided soccer fans with an ideal venue for not only the Miami Fusion franchise, and it has also served as the preferred host site of six Umbro Select All-Star Soccer Classics. Recognizing the importance of such an event to promising youth soccer players, the City of Fort Lauderdale has partnered with coordinating organizations in the community to provide a quality venue and event that meet the needs and attract soccer enthusiasts. Furthermore, the City has submitted a proposal with the Broward County Committee for U.S. Soccer Training Center to the U.S. Soccer Federation that could designate Lockhart Stadium as part of a national soccer training center. In the meantime, don't miss upcoming soccer classic events at Lockhart.

* The City's commitment to recycling extending its efforts on a national level by participating in a national celebration. On November 15, the City of Fort Lauderdale took part in America Recycles Day. Complete with a public display at the Broward County Main Library, educational events designed to involve students

A Message From Mayor Jim Naugle



at two elementary schools and distribution of student-created recycled products at a local Publix Supermarket, the City of Fort Lauderdale made its mark on this day spreading the recycling word to others. Casey Eckels, City Recycling Coordinator continues to provide neighborhoods, property owners and students with services, resources and tools to encourage recycling.

In closing, the City Commission and our families extend our best wishes to you and your families for a safe and happy holiday season.

Wingate Road Landfill Begins Clean-Up

Berlin Ellerson, owner of B & M Landscaping, says her ultimate goal in life is to reach her fullest potential while inspiring others along the way. She believes being selected as one of the local contractors for the Wingate Road Landfill clean up project has put her on the road to success.



Berlin Ellerson, right, with Gary Wilson from the IT Group provide input at a community meeting.

"If you ever lose the ability to dream you can't accomplish a dream," said Ellerson.

Ellerson and her family settled in northwest Fort Lauderdale just blocks away from the Wingate Landfill 32 years ago. Ellerson reached one of her personal milestones by opening her own landscaping business in 1983.

"When I started my company, of course I wanted to make money," said Ellerson, "but it was important for me to provide advancement opportunities for minorities and women."

Ellerson's company experienced steady

growth over the years, but she saw a unique opportunity when local leaders decided to clean up the old landfill.

"This project is very near to my heart because I am a resident," said Ellerson. "I wanted to be a part of the decision-making process. I think it's important for the residents to work for the overall good of the neighborhood."

Ellerson's company was selected among several other local businesses to be contractors for the project. B & M Landscaping will provide topsoil, foundation fill, and fencing. During the final phases, some 24 employees will be responsible for seeding and sodding the property following the clean up.

"The City of Fort Lauderdale, the IT Group, and all the other contractors have been very sincere and professional so far," said Ellerson. "We are moving along quite nicely and I am confident we will meet every deadline. I feel so fortunate that I am playing an integral part in all of this."

Ellerson is an active member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee, the group that keeps residents updated on the project's progress. Ellerson

hopes the story of her company and the Wingate project will help others in the community realize that with a little hard work and conviction, they too can find success.

WINGATE SITE UPDATE

Work began on the cleanup of the Wingate site at the end of August 2000. The IT Corporation has moved into the office trailers for the project and setup the air monitoring equipment.

Air monitoring in place

The air monitoring equipment will be used throughout the life of the project. This equipment will monitor the quality of the air that leaves the construction site making certain the cleanup activities do not affect the surrounding neighborhood.

Building Demolition Begins

The demolition work started the end of November 2000 and will last through the end of January 2001. All of the buildings will be removed and the area left ready for excavation and grading work. The landfill closure work is scheduled to begin in February 2001. The design of the landfill closure is being finalized and should be approved no later than January 2001.

Fencing and Security in Place

The erosion control silt fencing has been installed around the perimeter of the site. Plus, fencing around the site has been secured. Crime Prevention Services is providing security personnel on a 24 hour a day basis to monitor the site and keep track of traffic to and from the site.

More Swim Time With Extended Pool Hours

The Community Pools Section has extended the swim program hours through the end of the year.

"The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and

Recreation Department is committed to meeting the recreation needs of our community," said David Deal, Recreation Program. "The extended hours will give citizens an alternative to their swimming schedule."

Here is a quick look at what is available.

Fort Lauderdale H.S. Pool - 1600 NE 4th Ave.

Lap Swimming

Monday-Friday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Fees: \$3 daily or \$25 for swim passes.

Water Aerobics

Saturday, 11a.m. - noon

Fees: \$4 per class

Bass Pool - 2750 NW 19 Street
Competitive

Swimming

Sunday - Saturday, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Fees: \$10 a month; Reduced fees available

For more information, please call **762-8983**.



City Embraces NLC Diversity Campaign

Year 2000 has proven to be a year that has realized much progress, productivity and potentials in all areas of customer service. As a new year quickly approaches, I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the staff of the City of Fort Lauderdale to extend warm wishes for peace, good health and prosperity to all citizens, families and loved ones.

The end of a year typically provides the opportunity to reflect on the past. It also sets an ideal stage to examine the possibilities for the coming year. The City of Fort Lauderdale has marked the end of 2000 by stepping forward to participate in diversity efforts set forth by a National League of Cities initiative. The purpose of the National League of Cities initiative is outlined in the four components of the program's framework. The components are:

1. Taking Stock - Review issues in the community;
2. Implement Initiatives - Establish programs to promote harmony and ensure fairness;
3. Communicating Ideas - Foster communications among members of the community and staff;
4. Envisioning the Future - Ensure continuity and accountability through the development of long range goals.

A number of policies, programs and initiatives are already in place to promote diversity, ensure equal and fair opportunities, improve quality of life and strengthen our community and the City is committed to continue and strengthen these efforts. These programs include a wide range of strategies. Cultural diversity training for staff encourages awareness and sensitivity. Opportunities for affordable housing, neighborhood beautification, recreational programs and quality of life improvements foster communication and teamwork between citizens and staff, as well as promote cultural awareness. These programs only touch the surface of what the City has to offer to citizens and businesses.

The City's participation in the NLC's initiative complements and strengthens our efforts to make meaningful change in our community. The City's participation serves a crucial role in forming the City's future and sends a strong message across the nation of our commitment to the principle that all people will be treated with respect, dignity and fairness.

We look forward to taking an active role in the continued development of this initiative as we strive to create a community that values fairness and respect. We value and appreciate the differences that make our City unique and strong.

A Message From City Manager Floyd T. Johnson



In closing, I invite you to join me in our effort to unite our great City. I look forward to building a better community with the help of citizens committed to making Fort Lauderdale a world class City that is a model for other municipalities around the country.

My best wishes for a safe and harmonious holiday season and New Year.

Paying At Metered Parking MADE SIMPLE

With Autoparq, there's no need to struggle for coins or waste loose change on unused time at metered parking spaces. Autoparq is a device, the size of a small pocket calculator on a hook, that hangs from the rearview mirror or vehicle dashboard providing customers with an easy method to automatically pay for metered parking.

With Autoparq, customers debit a pre-paid account that is obtained at the City's Parking Services Division located at 290 NE 3rd Ave. The cost of the device requires a \$39.00 deposit. Meter time may be purchased in dollar increments with a minimum of \$25.00 up to a maximum of \$100.00, and renewed as often as needed.

Here's how it works.

1. Upon parking at a metered space, drivers program Autoparq to display the amount of time needed at particular meter. Each meter is labeled with a zone which coincides with the maximum time allotted for each meter and the amount per hour or minutes per coin. This zone details are located on the back of the mechanism.

2. Activate it.

3. Hang it on the vehicle's rear view mirror. If unable to hang it on the rear view mirror, Autoparq can be displayed on the dashboard.

Autoparq can be used at all Fort Lauderdale parking facilities. For more information, contact the Fort Lauderdale Parking Services Division, Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. at **468-1600**.

The City of Fort Lauderdale offers Autoparq as a simple alternative to using coins at parking meters.

1

Program Autoparq to display the amount of time needed at a meter



2

Activate it.



3

Hang from the vehicle's rear view mirror. Autoparq can be displayed on the dashboard.



Clean City Services Announced For Holiday Season

The City of Fort Lauderdale Public Services Department is committed to providing quality Clean City Services in a timely, efficient and customer friendly manner. The following pick-up services have been scheduled for the coming holidays. For more information, call customer service at **771-0880**.

Pickup For Christmas Day

City sanitation services will be suspended in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Garbage, recycling, yard waste and bulk trash service will **not** be picked up on Monday, December 25th. If your bulk trash pickup day is December 25th, your bulk trash will be picked up on Saturday, December

23rd. All other services will resume on your next regularly scheduled pickup day.

No Trash Transfer Hours On Christmas Day

The City's Trash Transfer Station, located at 2101 N.W. 6th Street, will be **closed** on Monday, December 25th. Hours will resume on December 26.

Pickup For New Year's Day

Regular residential garbage collection, recycling, yard waste and bulk trash **will be picked up as usual** on Monday, January 1, 2001. The City's Trash Transfer Station, at 2101 N.W. 6th Street, will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2001.



Each year we use LOTS of trees for a short time. Here's how to recycle your Christmas trees. The City of Fort Lauderdale asks residents to please recycle Christmas trees by either leaving them out on the designated bulk trash pick up day or bringing trees to one of five drop off locations between December 27 and Jan. 17:

Joseph C. Carter Park, 1450 W. Sunrise Blvd. (main parking lot off N.W. 15th Avenue.)

Trash Transfer Station, 1901 N.W. 6th St.

Croissant Park, S.W. 17 Street & S.W. 2nd Ave. (next to railroad tracks, east of the ball field)

Bayview Park, N.E. 44th Street & Bayview Drive (east end of parking area, north side of N.E. 44th Street)

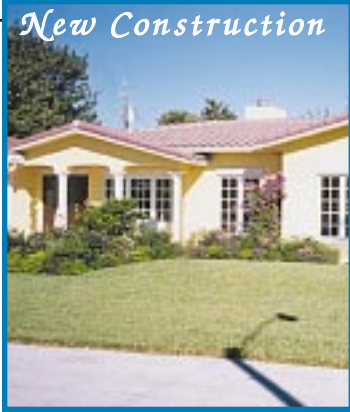
Holiday Park, East Sunrise Blvd. and U.S.-1 (south of War Memorial Auditorium, near tennis courts)





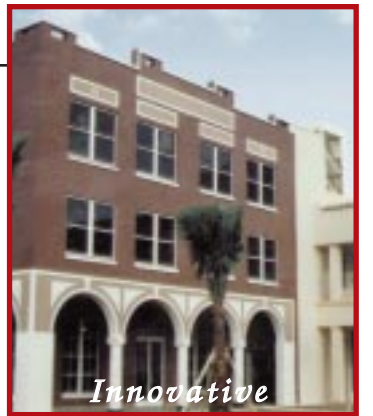
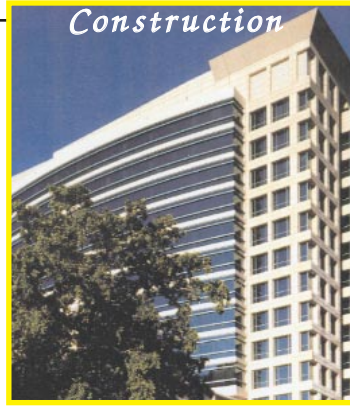
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Landscaping*

*Stylish
New Construction*



*Complimentary
Renovations*

*Attractive High Rise
Construction*



*Innovative
Special Projects*

Wide Variety Of Projects Applicable For 23rd Annual Awards

The 23rd Annual Community Appearance Awards are scheduled for May 10, 2001.

Applications to be considered for the award will be mailed in January and are due by March 2, 2001. To receive an application in the mail, call **Kathy Purdy** in the Public Information Office at **847-3728**. The Community Appearance Awards Program is presented each year by the Fort Lauderdale City Commission and the Community Appearance Board to encourage aesthetic awareness and recognize those who strive to enhance the visual image and economic vitality of the community.

Individuals, civic organizations, business and non-profit organizations, property owners, developers, contractors and architects can submit several projects in a wide range of categories which include: Single Family Residential, Institutional, Parks and Recreation, Commercial Low Rise, Commercial High Rise, Multifamily Low Rise, Landscape Garden, Special Projects and Retail.

To submit, applicants must meet several eligibility requirements including:

- * A project must be located in the corporate limits of Fort Lauderdale;

- * Submission of a project must be authorized by the owner of the property;

- * For new construction projects, a Certificate of Occupancy must have been issued since January 1999 to be eligible.

Award winners will be announced during the Community Appearance Awards Ceremony to be held at the Museum of Art located in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. Funding for the Community Appearance Award program is made possible by the City of Fort Lauderdale and the community in the form of corporate and private donations and sponsorships.

South Florida Senior Games

The 11th Annual South Florida Senior Games will be held January 24 through February 9, 2001.

This South Florida olympiad, a part of the National Senior Games Association Series, is for people 50 years of age

and older and consists of more than 70 athletic and leisure competitions ranging from boccie and bowling to bridge matches and bake-offs. The goal - to promote healthy lifestyles for seniors through education, fitness and sports.

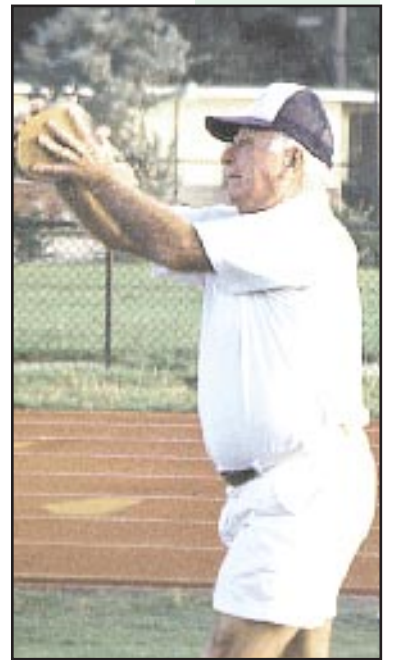
Participation in the 2000 South Florida Senior Games attracted over 900 senior olympians for the two-week schedule of activities with more than 30 events and 70 competitions.

Pre-registration is currently underway and is an excellent opportunity to get an early bird view of the activities, free giveaways and events that are in store. A \$15 registration fee covers the first event and admission to the opening ceremonies. Each additional event costs \$7 to enter.

An opening ceremony kicks off the 17-day event with an afternoon of music, refreshments and door prizes on January 24 at Holiday Park. The closing ceremonies, to be held at Port Everglades on February 9, will include a variety of musical entertainment, presentations, door prizes and dinner for each games' participants and a guest.

The South Florida Senior Games are presented in partnership by the Parks and Recreation Departments of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, and other municipal and private entities. Funding provided by Gold Community sponsors North Broward Hospital District Senior Services, Holman Lincoln Mercury and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida make the events and free activities possible for the large number of entries.

For additional information, contact **Judy Thom** in the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department at **761-5383** and **Dori Horowitz** of the Broward County Parks and Recreation Department at **357-8170**.



Filing For Homestead Made Easy

March 1, 2000 is the deadline to file for a \$25,000 Homestead Exemption for 2001. To assist property owners in registering, a representative from the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office will be available in the

eighth floor break room of Fort Lauderdale City Hall on January 18 and February 8 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. each day. In order to qualify for a 2001 Homestead Exemption, property owners must provide the following items:

- * Recorded warranty deed or tax bill in your name;
- * Florida Driver's License;
- * Florida vehicle registration or declaration of domicile;
- * Non-U.S. Citizens need a permanent VISA or GREEN or PINK CARD and a recorded declaration of domicile;
- * Widows/Widowers: Please bring spouse's Death Certificate, news clipping or Memorial Card;
- * Husband and wife may file for each other providing all documents are present for both;
- * To receive a Disability Exemption, individuals must bring a letter from the Veteran's Administration or letters from two (2) professionally unrelated Florida doctors.

For more information, please call the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office at **357-6830**.



Wanted...

Energetic, positive, friendly, solution seeking, active individual who likes people of all ages, music, food and getting involved when things need to happen. If you are a behind-the-scenes kind of person who loves going to festivals, special events and activities, then become a Festival Volunteer. Benefits? How about free admission to great places and happenings, T-shirts, recognition, prizes and snacks after shifts. To apply, contact Mickie Brodie at 489-3256 or 489-3260.

**City Hall
Serves
As A Site
For Easy
Homestead
Exemption
Filing On
January 18
&
February 8**

Fort Lauderdale Stadium, is the current home of the Baltimore Orioles Spring Training and has hosted Spring Training baseball for the past thirty-eight years.

Built in 1961, the Stadium offers a convenient and friendly location that is not just for spring training baseball any more. Fort Lauderdale Stadium is host to many activities and events throughout the year including motorcycle training, Fantasy Baseball Camp, Fusion practices, high school baseball games, charity softball games and Federal League Athletics, and an adult men's baseball league. A 3-acre event site serves as home of the City's Cajun Zydeco Crawfish

Festival and the Sound Advice Blues Festival and is available for rent for a variety of uses.

For information on the adult league contact Jamie Siragusa at 344-9026.



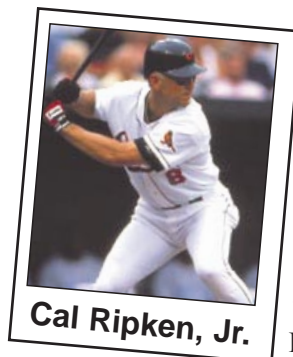
Joe Dimaggio Legends Game Make A Play To Benefit Charities

The 13th Annual Legends game will be held at Fort Lauderdale Stadium on Saturday February 10, 2001 at 7 p.m. The Joe DiMaggio Legends game brings together former major league baseball stars to benefit the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. Please join these baseball heroes in their support of the hospital by coming out to the game. Tickets can be purchased at the Stadium or at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital beginning January 2001. For more information, please call 987-2020 ext. 3100.

Facets Of A Favorite Place



Fans Flock To Fort Lauderdale Stadium For A Warm Winter Season Of Events



Cal Ripken, Jr.

Fort Lauderdale Is For the Birds

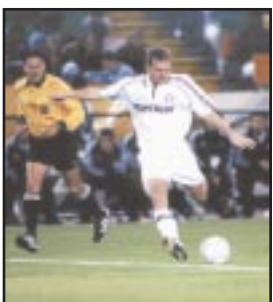
Major League Baseball returns to South Florida in February 2001 as Fort Lauderdale Stadium serves as the Spring Training Home of the Baltimore Orioles.

The Birds migrate south in mid February with practices open, at no cost, to the general public. Games are held in March. Visiting clubs include the National League Champion New York Mets, Mark McGwire's St. Louis Cardinals and our hometown Florida Marlins. Look for many exciting new faces and one very familiar to baseball fans, Orioles' Ironman Cal Ripken, Jr. The 5th Annual Baltimore Orioles Breakfast will be held Sunday, February 5, 2001 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Fort Lauderdale Stadium. This Spring tradition includes a buffet breakfast, player autographs, a live and silent auction to benefit local charities, all followed by Orioles team practice. Admission is \$15 per person. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance.

For general information call 761-5813. For ticket information or a training schedule call 776-1921.

Motorcycle Safety Course Offers Training For Beginners

The Fort Lauderdale Stadium parking area is the site for Motorcycle Rider Training Courses conducted through Motorcycle Safety of Florida. This course is designed as an introduction to motorcycle riding for people with limited or no riding experience. The course is designed to develop safe street riding skills. The course consists of classroom preparation and intensive cycle riding activities which provide first-hand experience in various maneuvers and demanding situations encountered in street riding. This course is required for all applicants under 21 years of age, in order for them to obtain a motorcycle license endorsement, regardless of experience. For more information call Angie Thony at 797-6707.



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Umbro Select
Photographer

MLS Pros, Scouts, College All-Stars Kick Up The Heat At Lockhart Stadium For 6th Annual Umbro Select

Lockhart Stadium serves as a hub for Major League Soccer in South Florida, and local soccer fans will get to see not only some of the best that college soccer has to offer, but get to witness some of the pros take the field during the 6th Annual Umbro Select All-Star Soccer Classic.



Lockhart Stadium is the place to be February 1-4. As home of the Miami Fusion, Lockhart Stadium will offer soccer fans a major international exhibition match between Chili and Honduras, along with three days of heartstopping soccer games featuring more than 1,000 of the top men and women college soccer players from throughout the United States. Saturday, February 3, 2001 will feature Men's College Game (Elite International Game) followed by the professional exhibition game. On Sunday, the Women's College Game (Elite International Game) will take the field. Tickets for events range from as low as \$15 for general admission and top off at \$25 for reserved seating. Prices vary per event. For ticket information, call 755-0943 or 474-0427.

"This is the place where the nation's top college players will make their bid for soccer stardom," said Eddie Rogers, president of KICS (Kids In Competitive Sports) International. "The annual Major League Soccer draft is held the same weekend as the Umbro Select with dozens of scouts, professional coaches and affiliates in the area for spring training."

The 2001 event will also feature a new Y-League Youth Tournament, offering select teenagers a chance to shine. Fifty top teams will compete for The Umbro Select All Star Soccer Classic Select Youth Championship.

"The City of Fort Lauderdale is proud to serve as one of the partners in an event that is one of the highlights of the USA's national soccer team," said Vince Gizzi, Special Facilities Superintendent. "The fact that we will host the successful event for the sixth consecutive year, outbidding 18 other cities, is a testament to the City's commitment to providing a top notch facility, supporting the sport and serving as an advocate for the rising stars of U.S. Soccer. This promises to be a thrill of a lifetime for local soccer fans."

New Batting Cages Open At Mills Pond Park

Step up to the plate and practice your batting at Mills Pond Park. New batting cages located on the northeast end of the park open up in December. After the workout, quench your thirst or get a snack at the new concession stand located adjacent to the batting cages. For more information, call Mills Pond Park at **468-1565**. Mills Pond Park is located at 2201 N.W. 9th Avenue.



Santa Claus To Make Special Appearance On Fort Lauderdale Beach Dec. 22

St. Nick and Elves to Give Out Candy from South Beach to Birch State Park



Santa Claus and his elves will walk along Fort Lauderdale Beach on Friday, December 22 at 11:00 a.m. handing out candy to the good little boys and the good little girls.

In his sleigh (Fort

Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department's antique fire truck), Jolly St. Nicholas will leave his City headquarters at the Parks and Recreation Department, located at 1350 W. Broward Boulevard, by police escort.

His route will take him east on Broward Boulevard to Andrews Avenue, south on Andrews to Las Olas Boulevard, east on Las Olas to A1A and south on A1A to the International Swimming Hall of Fame (501 Seabreeze Boulevard).

With twinkling eyes and smiling faces, Santa and his

elves will begin spreading holiday cheer at Fort Lauderdale's South Beach Park, located on A1A at the Yankee Clipper Beach Resort (1140 Seabreeze Boulevard). Santa and his elves will walk north along the beach to Birch State Park (A1A and Sunrise Boulevard). All along the way, Santa and his elves will distribute candy canes and holiday treats with glee. Photo opportunities will be available.

For more information about Santa Claus' walk on Fort Lauderdale Beach, contact the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department at **(954) 761-5346**.



The City of Fort Lauderdale Community Area Planning (CAP) Workshops continue to focus on the Central Area.

The Central Area is the portion of the City bounded by the Middle River (north); Broward Blvd. (south); U.S. 1 (east); and the City's corporate limits (west). The CAP is an initiative that gives the public an opportunity to work with City staff to develop goals to help improve the community.

The following is scheduled:

Community Leadership Committee Meeting December 12 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. 8th Floor City Hall 100 N. Andrews Avenue

For more information about CAP or updates on the CAP process, contact The City of Fort Lauderdale CAP office **(954) 762-8964**, or visit City's web site at: <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/cap/>.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AROUND TOWN...

Get In The Swim Of Things

The International Swimming Hall of Fame Aquatic Complex offers something for every spectator and athlete. The 65th Annual College Swim Coaches Association Forum will attract 1,500 student-athletes from 50 collegiate swimming and diving teams predominantly from the eastern and midwestern states to Fort Lauderdale's premier swimming facility. This prime event will take place Wednesday, December 20 through Sunday, January 14. The ISHOF will be closed to public swimming December 25 - January 14 and reopen on Monday, January 15. For detailed information and hours, call 468-1580. The complex is one block south of Las Olas Boulevard on Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard. For information, call **468-1580**.

Jazzin It Up At The River

The SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch continues to heat up Downtown Fort Lauderdale. Showcasing South Florida's finest jazz entertainers on five stages, and plenty of the local cuisines for purchase, the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch extends from Las Olas Riverfront to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on the first Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information on upcoming acts, call the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch Hotline at **761-5985**. Artists for the start of the 2001 season include:

January 7: ShaShaty; Betty Dixon & Eddie Higgins; Bourbon Street Jazz Band; Derek Mack Jazz Band; February 4: Alex Fox; Davis & Dow; Harvey Nevins Quartet; Stacey Berkley; Full Power.



Winterfest Boat Parade Showcases "World On Water"

Nearly 100 boats adorned with hundreds of thousands of twinkling lights offer a unique celebration to the holidays with the 29th edition of the BellSouth Winterfest Boat Parade Presented by Nokia. Held on December 16 starting at 6:30 p.m., a parade of boats route their way from Port Everglades to Lake Santa Barbara in Pompano Beach. Grandstand viewing is available at Birch State Park, Sunrise Boulevard and the Intracoastal. Viewing is also available at any open spots along the Intracoastal. Individual grandstand seating at Birch State Park is available for \$17; groups of 20 or more, \$15. Viewing from any other areas along the intracoastal is free. For additional information, call **767-0686**.

Historical Happenings In The Society

The Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, home of the Old Fort Lauderdale Museum of History, will present the Fort Lauderdale Winter Antique Show and Sale January 12-14, 2001. The Historical Society is looking for antiques and collectibles for its booth at the event sponsored by Dolphin Promotions. All donations to the Society are tax deductible. Pre-event discount tickets and special preview tickets will be available for purchase at the Old Fort Lauderdale Museum of History. For additional information or to make a donation contact Susan Gillis at the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society at **463-4431** or by e-mail at sgillis@hobbyline.com. The Fort Lauderdale Historical Society is located at 219 S.W. Second Ave.

Special 10th Anniversary Riverwalk Bricks Go On Sale

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale will offer a special 10th Anniversary Brick under the gazebo at Las Olas Riverfront starting December 6. For \$125, the 10th Anniversary Bricks can be engraved with a name or personal message. Bricks ordered by December 17 will be installed by December 24. Assorted symbols are available for \$10 each. Replica Bricks with a protective felt backing are also available for pick-up for \$29.95. Signature Bricks can be purchased by fax, phone, or mail. For additional information about the Riverwalk Signature Bricks or Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Inc., please call **468-1541** or visit the Riverwalk's website at www.goriverwalk.com.

Don't Postpone, Know Your Flood Zone

Tropical disturbances in early October drenched some parts of South Florida with up to 14 inches of rain within a 24 hour period. Effects from these unnamed rainstorm in one Fort Lauderdale neighborhood are shown here.



Review floodplain maps to identify where property lies in relation to the City's flood zone boundaries and flood elevation levels by visiting the Construction Services Bureau, located at 300 N.W. 1st Ave. or call 761-5203.

Use the City's internet GIS to determine if a property is in a flood zone.

1. Log on to <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/GIS/index.htm>
2. Select the "Create Maps and queries" menu item
3. Select the parcel information reporter hyperlink
4. Enter the property address

The City of Fort Lauderdale engages in ongoing efforts year round to prevent the rising cost of flood insurance by participating in federal and local outreach efforts.

Currently, the City of Fort Lauderdale has a Class 9 designation in the Community Rating System of the National Flood Insurance Program. Each year, the City strives to improve this rating which, in turn, can reduce the cost of flood insurance for City property owners. When a lower Class Designation is achieved, it affects the flood rating and insurance costs in the following year.



That affect is a 5% premium reduction for each step reduction.

The City's local program encourages residents to secure their homes and belongings with adequate protection, and consider purchasing discounted federally-

backed flood policies.

The key to remember is that it is not enough to have homeowners insurance. Most standard homeowners and property insurance policies do not cover flood losses. Because of this oversight, the federal government spends millions of disaster-relief dollars each year to get flood victims back on their feet, which in turn increases the cost of flood insurance.

To prevent property owners from losing their investments, federally backed flood insurance is available through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This federally backed insurance is available to homeowners, business owners and renters alike. For more information, contact your local insurance company or agent, or call the NFIP at 1-800-638-6620.

Fort Lauderdale Flood Hazards...

While Fort Lauderdale has been spared the massive, prolonged flooding which has affected many areas in the past, the potential for a major flood still exists and citizens should be prepared. Here's why.

The City of Fort Lauderdale is surrounded by various bodies of water including the Atlantic Ocean, the New River, the Middle River and various canals. These sources of water can promote major flooding hazards during something as common as a rainstorm or something as catastrophic as a hurricane.

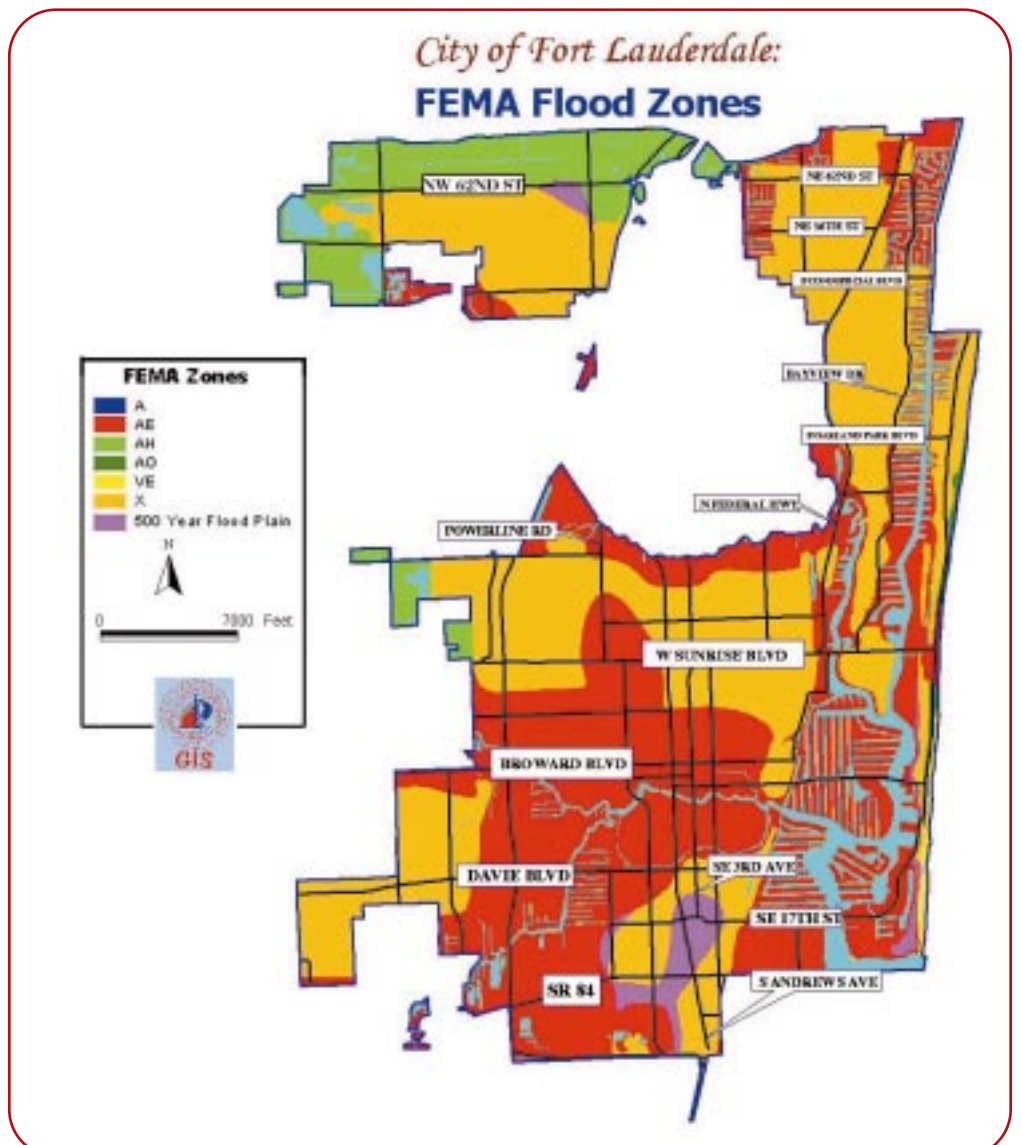
Why is flooding so widespread? The more land we build on, the fewer places water can drain. Tropical storms and hurricanes can create storm surges, tornadoes and torrential rainstorms. When the ground is unable to absorb all of the water and local drainage becomes overwhelmed, a flood disaster occurs. If just two feet of water can float an automobile, imagine what it could do to your living room.

Is Your Property Located In A Flood Zone?

Elevation levels, water resources, drainage systems, the likelihood of being hit by a natural phenomenon all affect whether an area is prone to flooding. Residents can review floodplain maps to identify where their property lies in relation to the City's flood zone boundaries and flood elevation levels at the City's Construction Services Bureau, located at 300 N.W. 1st Avenue, or by calling 761-5203. The accompanying map identifies the City's flood zone boundaries as determined FEMA.

FEMA basis the flood hazard data on the one percent chance of Fort Lauderdale experiencing a 500-year flood. The City's flood zones include areas prone to the following:

- * **A** - Areas subject to inundation by a 100-year (1%-annual-chance) flood. Because detailed hydraulic analysis have not been performed, no base flood elevation or depths are shown.
- * **AE** - Areas subject to inundation by a 100-year flood as determined by detailed methods. Base flood elevations are shown within these zones.



- * **AH** - Areas subject to inundation by 100-year shallow flooding (usually areas with ponds) where average depths are between one and three feet.
- * **AO** - Areas subject to inundation by 100-year shallow flooding (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain) where average depths are between one and three feet. Average flood depths derived from detailed hydraulic analysis are shown within this zone.
- * **X** - Areas of moderate or minimal hazard from the principal source of flooding in the area as identified in the community FIS. Buildings in these zones, however, could be flooded by severe, concentrated rainfall. Local stormwater drainage systems are not normally considered in the community's FIS. The failure of a local drainage system creates areas of high flood risk within zone X. Flood insurance is available in participating communities but is not required by regulation.
- * **VE** - Coastal areas subject to inundation by a 100-year flood having additional hazards due to storm-induced velocity wave action. Base flood elevations derived from detailed hydraulic analysis are shown within these zones.



Minor flooding effects are evident along the swale and corner belonging to a commercial property in Victoria Park.

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Grants Fulfill Community Needs Via Community Policing

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A ninth year partnership between the Fort Lauderdale Police Department and social services offered through The Starting Place, Inc. - a Hollywood-based agency, formulates the *Police Reaching Out Program (PROP)*, a prevention/intervention program that allows

police officers to offer minor juvenile offenders an alternative to the justice system.

Family and Friends is a new family based program that offers services to promote positive family development by offering mentoring, youth intervention and other social services to assist families. A key component of the project is ser-

vices and assistance provided to homeless families in helping them to transition back into the community. The program is coordinated through Mount Olive Baptist Church and the 4th Avenue Church of God in coordination with the Broward Partnership for the Homeless.

For information on these and other grant funded programs, contact Bob Cooke at **761-5709** or Jeff Modarelli at **761-5284**.

Fort Lauderdale Police Department Sponsors Upcoming Events

License Plate Theft Prevention Program Takes Bite Out Of Crime

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is distributing free tools that are designed to prevent the theft of license plates. The tools, which serve as screws, are attached to the license plate with a regular screwdriver, but can only be removed with a special tool held by the Police Department. License Plate Theft Prevention screws are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., while supplies last, at the Fort Lauderdale Community Policing Center, located at 1113 East Sunrise Blvd. For more information, please call Project Director **Alisa Cappuzzello** at **759-6433**.

Get A Bike for the Holidays? Don't Forget To Register!

Bicycles can be registered at the following locations:

* **Community Policing Center**
1113 East Sunrise Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Contact **PSA Bryant** at **759-6402**
if you would like to schedule bicycle registrations during a community event. Call **463-BIKE** for more information.

* **City Marina Dockmaster's Office**
Two New River Drive
(Las Olas Bridge)
Call for an appointment.
954-759-5200

* **Snyder Park**
2800 S.W. 8th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
Wednesday and Sunday
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
By appointments only!
Please call 954-468-1585



Watchful Group Sets 2001 For Achievements

Citizens Crime Alert, Inc. and the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department continue to develop opportunities and programs to promote a crime free community. Open to the public are meetings, scheduled for the first Monday of each month on the 8th floor of City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Ave highlighting a series of topics to promote safe neighborhoods. The January 2 meeting will feature Fort Lauderdale Police Officer Jonathan Apell and his K-9 partner, Iris. For additional information on Citizens Crime Alert, Inc. contact Pat Mayers at **761-5377** or by email **pmayers007@aol.com**